THE MASTER MAN.

Our holy days being turned into holidays. As we approach the Xmas time it is fitting that we should pay tribute to the one whose, birthday we are supposed to honor.

After the death of Solomon the temple destroyed and king. divided. It takes more than wisdom wealth and power to constitute greatness. When Jesus began his ministry he stood on the very site where Solomon had reigned and said, "Behold a greater than Solomon is here." Then a little later Jesus before Pilate who scourged him and allowed a crown of thorns, then led him before the Jews and said, " Behold the man'."

As Mount Shasta towers above all other earth around it and touches the heavens alone, so Sesus the Christ stands high above all other men, alone in his supremacy.

I. Jesus was the World's Master Man.

Man has done much for which he can be justly proud. But X has done more for mankind than all the legions of gifted men who have ever lived.

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1. J.C. was the world's Master Man in His Advent.

a. The artist's picture of a wintry twilight-trees heavily laden with snow, a dreary dark houselonely and desolate in the midst of a storm; then the artist, with a quick stroke of his crayon put a light in one of the windows, presto change from gloom to cheer. The advent of Jesus put the light of heaven in the window of ~~a dark~~ the world darkened by sin.

His presence foreshadowed in the curse upon the tempter. Our safety in Him prefigured in the Ark. The universal blessing in Him embraced in the promise to Abraham,"In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Jacob pointed to his coming "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, until Shiloh come". Moses announced his coming,"A prophet shall the Lord raise up, Him shall ye hear,in all things." David described His triumphal entry when he sang,"Lift up your heads, oh ye gates, be ye lifted up ye e everlasting doors and the king of glory shall come in." Isaiah was filled with the majesty of his presence when he said,"His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prin Prince of Peace." Zachariah saw in vision the rule of the heavenly King,"His dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the rivers to

3. the ends of the earth." And the angels of God celebrated His coming in eloquent song,"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men."

A man asked his son if he went to S.S. Asked about the lesson- Jacob, and the Sunday before about Noah. Did teacher sy say anything about Christ? "Oh, no, replied the boy,"That's at the other end of the book". Jesus Christ is just as much in the beginning of the Bible as at the end. Take Him out and the Bible could'nt live. Travelers need never be lost in Venice, tho the streets are narrow and the canals intircate. On the walls of the bldgs and on the pavements a thin line of red stone, which if followed will lead to St.Marks Church. So in Bible there is a red line all the way thru leading to Jesus Christ..

2.Jesus was the world's Master Man in His manner of living.
J.C. the only one ever lived who could say,"Which of you layeth anything to my charge?", and then evoke from his contemporaries and all subsequent generations the verdict,"We find no fault in Him."

Many distinguished for some special virtue- Abraham for his

faith, Moses for his meekness, Job for his patience, Daniel for his courage, David for his devotion, and yet not one of these was perfect in the virture which distinguished him. But Jesus waa not noted for any particular virtue, yet he was perfect in all of them. After 2000 yr of testing his life we still say of him, in the words of the Roman, "His beauty is eternal and His reign will never end."

3. J.C. was the World's mster Man in his intellectual supremacy.

Once there lived a man in a small town. His town was never noted for anything great and he himself came from humble parents He was just a calloused handed son of toil who had no special educational advantages, and yet when, at the age of thirty he began to speak to the people about right living the mulititudes marvelled at his words, for he spoke with authority. At his word the blind were made to see, the sick were healed and the dead were made alive again. At his word evil doers became good men, the hopeless became renewed in spirit; His words were life, health and joy. They uplifted, regenerated, comforted and healed.

5. Not a physician but the Master of all human ills. Not a lawyer but the expounder of the elemental principles of all law. Not an author but the inspirer of the living literature of the world. Not an artist but the unfailing light of all the great masters of art. Not a statesman but the foundation layer of all law and order in government. Not an architect but the character- builder of all times.

4. Jesus was the World's Master Man in His Service to humanity. "I am in the midst of you as one who serveth." The big wird in His vocabulary was "others".

The coming home of Sir Bartle Frere the African explorer. "Look for a tall gentleman helping someone and you cant miss him."

II. Jesus Christ IS TODAY the World's MASTER MAN.

Men of thot are beginning to realize as never before that no adequate solution of our problems can be found apart from Jesus Christ.

1. He is the Master Man in Religious Authority.

Acclaimed infinitely higher than Socrates, Buddah, Confucius or

6. Mohammed. We'll not take the time to discuss it.

A jewish soldier attended a religious service in which he heard much about Jesus Christ. He went to his rabbi and said, "The Xns say that the X has already come, while we claim that he is yet to come." "Yes" assented the rabbi. "Well," asked the soldier, when our Christ comes what will He have over Jesus Christ?" No answer

There are those today who say that one religion is as good as another.

"'As for me, I think one religion is about as good as another. It's mostly a matter of climate and race and tradition.' 'That's so,' said the other man, 'Christianity is sentimentally attractive. But what has it ever done?' A man seated across the aisle who had the air of a foreigner suddenly leaned forward and said very politely: 'Pardon. But your remarks, which I could not help hearing, deeply interest me. May I say why?'

"'Surely. Go ahead,' the first speaker replied, looking curiously at the foreigner. 'Thank you, sir. I am an Armenian. I was born in Bitlis. Bitlis has about forty thousand people. Have you a town of that size you can think of in America?' 'Just the size of my own town,' said the second man. 'Take your town, then, and call it Bitlis; and say of your town these things; no hospital, no doctor, no dentist, no church except the mission and the Armenian, no press, no telephone, no sanitation, no water system, no nurse, no public school. And that is your town here in America. That is, you understand, my town of Bitlis in Turkey.

"'The one bright spot in my town is the Christian mission, which supports a dispensary and a school and the hope of life. . . . During the recent uprising against

the Armenians, in which over three hundred thousand of them were massacred, the missionaries in Bitlis, aided by those in Van, at the risk of their lives saved me from torture and death. All my relatives were murdered and our property was utterly destroyed. My wife and children were tortured and burned alive in my house. Do you wonder that I cannot agree with you that one religion is as good as another. Gentlemen, it is Christianity that has stretched out its healing hand to the tortured people of Europe, and it will be the spirit of the Master that will build up life on the ghastly ruins. I am a witness of it.' "

The two men who had flippantly dismissed Christianity in two sentences spent the next hour learning some wholesome truths about Christian Missions and the heroes of the cross.

9. Jesus Christ is the world's Master Man in Promoting the Brotherhood of Men and Nations.

The great lesson need for this hour is brotherhood, the real genuine article. The moral substitute for war is Xty. True brotherhhod which spells peace is impossible in an unChristian civilization.

Lesus lived and died to show mankind that man is his his brother's keeper and that all humanity are the children of a universal Father.

3. Jesus Chriist is the world's Master Man in bringing about Xn unity.

The one high clear note of the hour is Xn unity.

Nobody now thanks God for sects and denominations, except the devil, perhaps.

In a public park four groups of people being addressed by four different men each advocating a form of)ty& In the center of the park a fountain. The speakers became thirsty and

each walked to the fountain for a drink flwwoed by his adherents There at the fountain they all met and found themselves togeth Jesus Christ is the great fountain of Life Liberty and Love; the nearer God's children come to Christ the nearer they come to each other. "Blest be the tie that binds". Let all ins say,"We all are brethren".

In the forest of big trees. Each trunk towers alone up into into the sky. But at the top their branches meet and there is a vast canopy of foliage . The same with our churches. Near the earth each stands erect stiffly and apart, but the higher up they go the closer they cometogether until in Jesus Christ they are are made one. The earnest prayer of th e Savior,"That they all be made one."

Of this we may be sure, that under the direction of Jesus Christ, the church of tomorrow will be a spiritual church seeking to transform into everyday life the spiritual principles of the World's Master Man. The age of materialism has ended, and as a result men are turning to the spiritual verities. In the supreme hour of crisis men have ever cried out with Peter of old, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" As never before in history men are turning to Jesus Christ. All other teachers have failed.